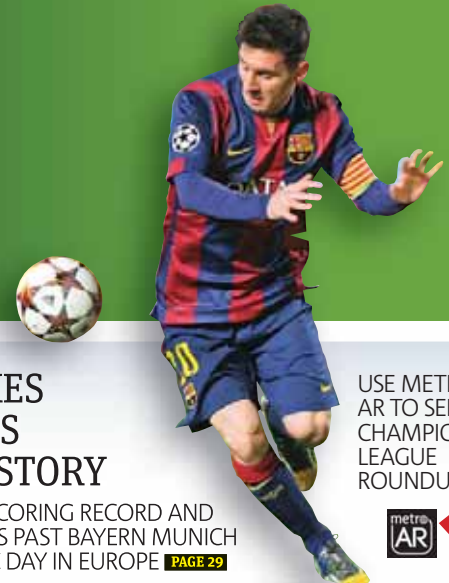


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Keep fighting, Heritage Trust

City Matters. Survey respondents give strong support to organizations such as Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

The latest City Matters survey contains a "pleasantly surprising" shot in the arm for the beleaguered Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

Nearly 80 per cent of respondents said it's important or very important to have an "organization such as the Heritage Trust" to preserve historic buildings. "That's ... pleasantly surprising," said Heritage Trust vice-president Ian Taylor. "Despite the flack we've got ... people still think an organization such as ours is important."

New development proposals for Halifax's downtown core have often prompted opposition from the Heritage Trust, resulting in stark divisions between pro-development and

pro-heritage camps.

That division reached a new apex over the summer when Argyle Developments owner Joe Ramia filed a lawsuit against the Heritage Trust, claiming damages over its request for a judicial review of the \$500-million Nova Centre.

Shortly afterward, a group of business people took out a full-page ad in the Chronicle Herald exhorting "groups like as the Heritage Trust" to "leave the business of economic development to those who step up to advance our city."

Senior counsel for the research company that conducted City Matters said the results suggest respondents are rejecting the heritage-development dichotomy.

"I think most people are smart enough to recognize that this is not necessarily just an either-or," said Rick Emberley of MQO Research. "Why can't you have intelligent development but not necessarily sacrificing some of the heritage properties in the market?"

Taylor said the Trust supports "good, modern architecture," but will continue to oppose development that doesn't meet the city's bylaws and puts heritage structures at risk.

"You have to keep saying, just hold your horses, let's look at the big picture here," said Taylor. "It's a question of how we can integrate economic development and enhance economic development without losing our soul."

City Matters was conducted by MQO Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership and surveyed 500 adult Halifax residents in on-line panels from Nov. 7 to Nov. 14. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

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→ In this series we listen to what you, the people of Halifax, have to say on issues.

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Alexander Davis is Randy Parker and Jamie Williams is The Old Man in Neptune Theatre's production of *A Christmas Story*. Neptune's annual holiday play premieres on Friday and runs through to early January. See story, page 8. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**



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Dalhousie will not 'roll the dice' on divestment

Staying in fossil fuels.
Board justifies move with combination of fear and optimism



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Dalhousie University will not be divesting millions from fossil-fuel companies in light of possible impacts on research funding, says the investment committee chair — who also argued that staying involved in the industry gives the school a better chance to push for changes.

Despite months of campaigning, support from faculty and a petition of over 2,000 names by the student-led Divest Dal group, the board of governors passed the committee's recommendation against divesting money from 200 fossil-fuel companies by a vote of 15-to-5, with two abstentions.

"This is something that we don't feel is appropriate to roll the dice on," investment committee chair George McLellan told reporters.

"If we turn our back on a number of companies, why would they put money in here?"

McLellan presented the committee's findings during a board meeting Tuesday afternoon with a crowd of nearly



Students in support of divesting crowd into a board of governors meeting at Dalhousie University on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

200 people, including Divest Dal supporters and geology students who hoped the university would keep the \$20.3 million for the companies in the school's \$486-million endowment fund.

As the vote came down, Divest Dal members began loud-

ly chanting, "You've decided to side with a dying industry," and, "If you'd like to lead real change, please follow us," before dozens filed out of the room.

McLellan said "everybody is slow to move," but the university has decreased its carbon footprint and is funding sustainable projects. He added that many fossil-fuel companies are diversifying with wind energy and other sources.

"It takes ... good people on the inside to nurture that movement, and that's what

Off the table

\$20.3M

Critics hoped the university would keep the \$20.3 million for the companies in the school's \$486-million endowment fund.

this decision represents," he said.

Even if Dalhousie pulled their investment, McLellan said without a "critical mass" of universities across the country divesting at once, fossil fuels wouldn't take a hit,

and they could be replaced by an investor with no interest in the environment.

Divest Dal member Emi Belliveau said she was "very disappointed" the board was not willing to be a leader in climate change but added the group is now free to pursue other avenues of engaging with administration.

"It actually opens a door for us," Belliveau said after the vote. "(This) will continue to be an issue ... and the choice is really to be a leader, or a follower."

Not the time for dramatics?

"I don't think we're in a position to do something just to be a leader."

George McLellan, Dalhousie investment committee chair

Parents to speak after murder charge laid



John Miller, father of Catherine Miller, from August.
JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

The parents of Catie Miller are scheduled to hold a news conference Wednesday morning, two days after it was announced that a charge of first-degree murder has been laid in the disappearance of their daughter.

John Miller, father of 29-year-old Catherine (Catie) Miller, said in a phone call Tuesday that the family will speak about the case at 11 a.m. at the office of Liberal

MLA Joachim Strock.

John and Terry Miller were front and centre in the search for their daughter, who was reported missing on July 15.

They held multiple vigils, created a YouTube video and organized poster campaigns to spread the word across Canada.

"This is devastating news. We can only begin to try to imagine what they must be going through," Halifax

Regional Police Supt. Jim Perrin told reporters Monday.

Miller's parents were told their daughter's case was being treated as a homicide on Sunday, although police are now saying they suspected it from the beginning.

Jason James Johnson was arrested at a Charlotte Lane address in Halifax on Saturday night and appeared in court Monday to face charges of first-degree murder and

indecently interfering with a dead human body.

Police say he has no known permanent address and is due back in court Feb. 3.

Although they have not found Miller's body, Perrin said the entire course of the investigation led police to lay both charges.

Perrin said Johnson and Miller were in a relationship but would not give any more details. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

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→ This is part of a series about hearing what you, the people of Halifax, have to say on issues. → On Thursday: It's the economy, stupid. Residents give their take on how we are doing economically in Halifax and it isn't all rosy. → Tweet your views using the hashtag #citymattersHalifax. → More online at metronews.ca.

City Matters survey respondents give thumbs-up to projects currently under construction or on the city's wish list. Here's what they are:

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New Halifax Central Library

Seventy-five per cent support or strongly support the new library, set to open in just a few weeks. Although some locals have balked at the design — which resembles a stack of books — CNN named it one of its 10 “eye-popping” new buildings of 2014, and architecture magazine Azure called it one of 10 projects to follow in 2014.

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Big projects with big support

Roy Building

Forty-six per cent support or strongly support the proposed 24-storey condo and retail tower, while 35 per cent neither support or oppose it. The Roy, completed in 1928, will be demolished to make way for the new building, which was approved before a 2008 plan restricting building height on Barrington Street to 22 metres.



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New arts centre

Sixty-three per cent support the idea of an arts centre for events that are too large for the Rebecca Cohn Centre but not appropriate for the Metro Centre. The proposal is one of several on a “wish list” of long-term projects that potentially could be paid for by a one-cent increase on the tax rate for an average household.



JEFF HARPER/METRO

Four-rink ice surfaces

Sixty-four per cent support plans for new four-pads to replace some of HRM's aging arenas. Good thing, too — council voted in July to renovate the Halifax Forum to include a third ice surface, and directed staff to begin planning a new four-pad on Commodore Drive in Dartmouth.



JEFF HARPER/METRO

Cogswell Interchange

Sixty-nine per cent support the multi-year plan to redevelop the area around the hulking concrete tangle to include green space and other developments. A plan unveiled by the city in April calls for two roundabouts with shorter residential buildings and small public buildings — such as a performing arts centre.



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Halifax mayor wants a stadium — not a CFL stadium

Halifax mayor and stadium booster Mike Savage was quick to respond when asked about tepid support for a “CFL” stadium among City Matters survey respondents.

“I would not support a CFL stadium,” he said. “I support a stadium where the CFL could be held. But to ask people if they support a CFL stadium, that’s the wrong question.”

The 2014 City Matters survey asked respondents to rate their support for several proposed big-budget projects, including a CFL stadium.

Unlike other projects, which all received more than

City Matters

City Matters was conducted by MQO Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership and surveyed 500 adult Halifax residents in online panels from Nov. 7 to Nov. 14.

60 per cent support, just 38 per cent of respondents said they support or strongly support a stadium.

More than 30 per cent said they opposed or strongly opposed the project, compared to

nine and 10 per cent for other projects.

Leaving aside the wording, Savage said, the results don’t indicate a lack of support so much as a lack of available detail.

“None of us know what we’re talking about yet,” he said. “We have no idea how it would be paid for, we don’t know what kind of a stadium it would be ... who might be the partners, is it public, is it private, what’s the mix? So there’s too many questions about it right now.”

Last February, Savage and outgoing CFL commissioner

Mark Cohon met with business leaders in closed-door meetings to discuss the possibility of a stadium and CFL franchise in Halifax.

Participants in those meetings said the prospects were enticing, but hard to evaluate in the absence of a business case.

Savage said the idea may be contentious at the moment, but worth discussing further.

“There’s a lot of work that would have to be done before I think any of us could really decide — including myself — whether it’s a go or no-go,” he said. “I just think we should consider it.”



Fans packed spanking new TD Place 24,000 strong for the first-ever Ottawa RedBlacks CFL game in Ottawa on July 18. MIKE CARROCCETTO/METRO IN OTTAWA

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'It's nothing short of a transformation'

Saint Mary's. Students, parents, community overjoyed about opening of new playground at elementary school

Nearly 100 children bumped elbows, fidgeted their hands and pointed fingers at the new red-and-blue playground before their eyes.

"Five, four, three, two, one," the students shouted, then burst into cheers as the blue-and-white ribbons were cut, officially opening the Saint Mary's Elementary School playground on Morris Street in Halifax.

Former principal Sandra Chauvin, who spearheaded the project, said it was a day most students, parents and community members were eagerly awaiting.

She explained that the school's playground redesign was three years in the making.

"It's nothing short of a transformation," said Connie Johnson, who took over as principal in early September.

John said that before the renovations, the schoolyard had little more than a rickety play structure, which children used to routinely fall off of and hurt themselves.

Cost

Saint Mary's Elementary School principal Connie Johnson said costs for the new playground totalled nearly \$140,000. The school received \$30,000 through the participatory budgeting program in District 8.

There were also small buildings in the play area, providing little space for children to run around.

Now, she said, every inch of the playground is used thanks to newly installed basketball nets, benches, picnic tables — and of course, a new play structure.

"It's an incredible change," Johnson said Tuesday.

Grade 3 student Christina Saoud was one of the many students who tried out the new playground Tuesday afternoon.

"The most fun thing is the spinny thing on this playground 'cause it spins sometimes so fast," the eight-year-old said, standing beside a rotating disc with twisting poles. She and the other students took turns spinning each other on the whirligig.

The monkey bars, slides and climbing ropes were also popular spots.



Kids enjoy the new playground at Saint Mary's Elementary School on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Lois MacGregor, who works as a primary teacher and helped dream up the idea for a new playground, said the work isn't done yet.

She said a whiteboard will be installed behind the

school to screen movies, and game boards are going to be set up on the picnic tables.

The new playground is not just for the students, but for the entire community, added MacGregor, noting that the

nearby seniors centre and daycare are invited to come and enjoy the space as well when school's out.

"It brings everyone together," she said.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO

Man sought in break-in

Police are asking for the public's help identifying a man who allegedly broke into a Halifax apartment last month and stole electronic equipment.

The break-in happened in the 1400 block of Henry Street around 2:45 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Police say residents of the apartment returned home only to see a man leaving their place with some stolen electronics in hand.

The man was confronted by the residents of the apartment and the stolen items were recovered, but he was able to get away before police arrived.

He's described as a white man in his 50s, five-foot-nine and 150 pounds, with a gap between his front teeth.

He was wearing a black jacket, dirty blue jeans and white shoes at the time of the robbery.

Anyone with information on the man's identity is asked to contact Halifax police at 902-490-5016 or Crime Stoppers.

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Injuries

Man badly hurt after tractor runs over him

A Nova Scotia man was seriously injured after being run over by a tractor he was operating.

The Colchester RCMP responded to a report of a crash involving a farm tractor near Fisher Road, outside of Middle Stewiacke, on Monday afternoon.

A 59-year-old man from Eastville was run over by the tractor he was operating.

Police say the man was attempting to straighten a pole while using the tractor, then he fell off and the tractor drove over him.

Life Flight was dispatched and transported

the man to hospital with serious injuries.

Police believe alcohol was a contributing factor in the crash.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Crime

Suspect Tasered after fighting police: HRP

Police say a man was Tasered when he got into a fight with officers during an arrest in Halifax.

The incident happened in the area of Kaye and Young streets when police responded to a complaint of a man selling a stolen cellphone through an online classified site on Monday afternoon.

Police were given the

heads-up by the victim, who says he saw his phone on the classified site and then arranged to meet the suspect to buy back his phone.

When police located the suspect at the agreed-upon location, they tried to arrest him, and he allegedly resisted and starting fighting with officers.

Police say the man was taken to the ground and the Taser was used on him.

He was eventually subdued and taken into custody.

The stolen cellphone was recovered and none of the officers were injured.

Jedidiah Fortune, 28, is facing various charges including resisting arrest, attempting to disarm a police officer, uttering threats and two counts of assaulting a police officer.

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Flick (Connor Chisholm) gets his tongue stuck to a flagpole in Neptune Theatre's production of *A Christmas Story*, which begins its run on Friday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Neptune presents a reminder of all the presents that we wanted for Christmas

A Christmas Story. New play invokes memories of the one gift we hoped Santa would bring us

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If all you want for Christmas is a Red Ryder BB gun, then you're in luck — just don't shoot your eye out.

Ralphie and the whole gang — along with a fishnet-clad leg lamp — will be bringing the holiday cheer to audiences at Neptune Theatre with a performance of *A Christmas Story*, which begins Friday.

Director George Pothitos, who is also the theatre's artistic director, explained the play closely follows the 1983 cult-classic movie but also borrows from the original book by Jean Shepherd.

"We hit all the big stuff: the snow suit, the flag pole,

the teacher, Scut Farkus," he said Tuesday.

But no matter whether it's a play, book or movie, Pothitos said, the story itself is timeless. He believes that audiences will reminiscence back to their own childhoods when they were obsessed with "getting the ultimate Christmas gift," which is what he says the story is all about.

Growing up, every kid had their own version of a Red Ryder BB gun, he said.

"I remember my obsession

was a little electric car with batteries that you could get in and it would actually drive," Pothitos explained.

He said the show really does offer something for everyone: parents will be able to share their own Christmas memories with their children, and children will remember their parents were like them once upon a time.

With children outnumbering adults in the cast by eight to four, the topic of Christmas presents is a big one.

Pothitos explains that working with children is a constant teaching experience, because the young actors are still learning the ropes and "theatre jargon" just doesn't work.

Jayden Greig of Toronto will be donning the thick-rimmed glasses and wool sweater of Ralphie and says he will be trying to breathe new life into the character.

It's not hard for Jayden to get into character, since in real life his Red Ryder BB gun

is a Lego Death Star playset.

"I'm leaving this all up to Santa," Jayden said of his prized gift. "If Santa doesn't come through this Christmas, I'm rewarding myself for (this play) with the Death Star."

Time and place

A Christmas Story is running at Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall Stage. It premieres Friday and runs until Jan. 4.

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Regulator blocks government plan to reduce electricity rates

Province. Board's decision based on \$100M in fuel costs that were not recovered

The Nova Scotia government has promised to introduce legislation that it says will better protect power customers by changing the relationship between the province's electricity regulator and utility Nova Scotia Power.

Energy Minister Andrew Younger made the announcement after the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board blocked a government plan aimed at reducing electricity rates in 2015.

The Liberal government had promised rates would drop in the new year as it wanted most Nova Scotia Power customers to stop paying a monthly energy efficiency charge.

But the independent board



Premier Stephen McNeil addresses a business lunch in Halifax on Feb. 18. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

issued a decision saying the \$53 million in fees will remain in place to help cover the utility's rising fuel costs.

Younger said he was left frustrated by the decision, saying the board rejected government proposals that would

have reduced rates and eliminated the added fuel costs.

He also said the board issued a partial decision, because it had

yet to decide on some tax-related issues that could reduce fuel costs by a considerable amount.

"The government didn't re-

Customers

The regulator noted that all of the customer groups taking part in recent hearings had asked the board to keep rates stable by using the energy efficiency fees.

move the efficiency tax so that it could free up room to cover other costs," Younger said in a statement Tuesday.

"We wanted ratepayers to get the much needed and deserved rate relief they've been asking for. Our proposals to the board would have paid down the fuel deferral but would still have ensured some rate relief to Nova Scotians."

The board's decision says Nova Scotia Power will use \$33 million in projected over-earnings to pay down its fuel bill, which will effectively keep rates stable. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Maritime Link hydro cable to break ground

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held Wednesday in western Newfoundland for the Maritime Link project.

The 170-kilometre subsea cable will connect Newfoundland with Cape Breton as part of the \$8.5-billion Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project in Labrador.

Natural Resources Minis-

ter Derrick Dalley and Nova Scotia Energy Minister Andrew Younger will attend the event in Bottom Brook, about an hour's drive west of Deer Lake.

Chris Huskison, president and CEO of Emera, will also be in attendance.

The Nova Scotia utility is spending \$1.5 billion on the link and has estimated it will create an average of 300 jobs per year during the construction period in both provinces, with peak activity in 2016.

Muskrat Falls is expected to start generating power in 2017.

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Chris Huskison, CEO of Emera
ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investment

\$1.5M

Amount Emera is spending on the Maritime Link

New Glasgow

No evidence offered against officer who injured man

A New Glasgow police officer charged with a motor vehicle violation in an accident that seriously injured a man has had his case dismissed.

The Crown offered no evidence in the case of Const. Donald Wadden with the New Glasgow Regional Police, so his charge of failing to drive or operate a motor vehicle in a careful and prudent manner was dismissed from Pictou provincial court.

Wadden had pleaded not guilty to the charge and was expected to go to trial in

March 2015.

The charge related to an incident on April 26, 2013, when a Pictou County man suffered injuries in a collision with a police vehicle in Pleasant Valley.

The province's independent Serious Incident Response Team charged Wadden under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.

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Weather. Major snowfall expected to pass Halifax

A meteorologist from Environment Canada predicts Halifax will likely be spared from any major snowfall over the next two days — but other parts of the province won't be so lucky.

Jean-Marc Couturier said a low-pressure system is forming off the coast of Newfoundland and will hit much of Nova Scotia, beginning midday Wednesday, into the overnight and then ending around Thursday afternoon.

"It looks like mostly we will see rain," he said of Halifax in an interview.

However, inland Nova Scotia and northern parts of the province will become "targets" for heavier snowfall.

Couturier said early estimates forecast up to 20 centimetres of snow for some areas, but the worst-hit area will be between Cobequid Hills and south-eastern New Brunswick.

Luckily, Haligonians can expect around 50 millimetres of rainfall and a north easterly wind, with gusts of between 30 to 70 kilometres

Travelling

Jean-Marc Couturier of Environment Canada anticipates the biggest trouble caused by the incoming snow will be to those who are travelling between provinces.

- "If anybody has to travel, perhaps do it ahead of (the storm)," he said.

an hour.

"There will be some snow mixed in with the rain," Couturier said, explaining that wet snow will likely fall Thursday morning.

In the meantime, he encourages people to keep an eye on any updates and expects Environment Canada to issue weather warnings as the low-pressure system moves closer our way.

On Tuesday, Environment Canada issued a special weather statement for much of the province, including Halifax.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO



Apartment evacuated after blaze

Tenants of a Parkland Drive apartment were forced out when a fire broke out in a living room on Tuesday morning. Fire crews put out the flames soon and there were no reported injuries. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'Tis the season

Dartmouth to light Christmas tree

Another weekend provides another chance to get into the holiday spirit.

The Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting event is taking place at Sullivan's Pond on Saturday starting at 4:30 p.m.

There will be music, rides and a Christmas show, followed by the tree lighting at 5:55 p.m. and then fireworks over Sullivan's Pond. Last week, the Christmas tree was lit in front of Halifax City Hall, drawing thousands to Grand Parade.

The weekend before that, tens of thousands descended to the downtown for the annual Holiday Parade of Lights.

The city is advising motorists that for Saturday's event, Crichton Street will be closed to traffic and parking between Ochterloney and Dahlia streets between 2 and 9 p.m.

People are also being asked to travel carefully through the area during the event as a large crowd is expected. METRO

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The judge presiding over the trial of Joseph James Landry in Port Hawkesbury allowed reporters to take photographs last week of the boat that Phillip Boudreau was on before his death. ALY THOMSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Didn't see victim: Landry to RCMP

Cape Breton. Police interview with accused played at lobster fisherman murder trial

A lobster fisherman accused of shooting and using a fishing gaff to drag another fisherman off Cape Breton's shores told police he did not see the man the day he was allegedly killed, a jury heard Tuesday.

A videotaped interview that Joseph James Landry gave to police after Phillip Boudreau disappeared on June 1, 2013, was played for the jury at the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Port Hawkesbury.

Landry told an RCMP officer he woke up that day at 3 a.m. and headed out to sea that morning to collect lobster traps but he did not see Boudreau on the water.

"Why would I lie?" he says in the interview taped the day after Boudreau vanished.

Landry said after he and his fishing crew hauled in their lobster traps, they went back to the wharf in Petit de Grat.

"And that's my story," he says.

The interview was entered as evidence a day after the jury heard Craig Landry, one of the other fishing crew members aboard the Twin Maggies, testify that he saw Joseph James Landry fire a gun at Boudreau.

Craig Landry also said in court that the Twin Maggies rammed Boudreau's boat several times before Boudreau was hooked with a gaff. But Craig Landry later said he did not actually see Joseph James Landry use the gaff to drag Boudreau out to sea and he did not watch as the Twin Maggies ran over Boudreau's boat three times, though he heard three thuds.

Defence lawyer Luke Craggs asked Craig Landry on Tuesday whether he was concerned for Boudreau, a man he previously told the court he had known his entire life, after hearing the thuds.

"I'm just surprised, scared," Craig Landry said, who added that he told police he was so frightened at the time that he soiled himself.

Craggs asked Craig Landry if he cleaned himself up, but

the Crown objected, saying that question was only an attempt to embarrass him.

Judge Joseph Kennedy allowed Craggs to continue his line of questioning.

"This is not a tea party," Kennedy said. "This is a murder trial."

Craggs then asked Craig Landry whether he told police that he soiled himself because he was trying to make his story sound more believable. Craig Landry said he did not make it up.

Joseph James Landry, 67, has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder. Craig Landry, who is the accused's third cousin, was previously charged with second-degree murder but that was withdrawn and he now faces a charge of accessory after the fact.

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Victim

The body of the 43-year-old Phillip Boudreau has not been found.

West Hants. Former CAO denies assault

A former chief administrative officer for the Municipality of West Hants has pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with a weapon.

Halifax lawyer Elizabeth Buckle entered the not-guilty plea on behalf of her client, Cheryl Chislett, in Windsor provincial court

on Tuesday. Chislett was not present in court.

Buckle told the court she suspects the trial could take place in one day. It is expected an agreed statement of facts will be filed, she added.

The trial date has been set for April 13, 2015.

Chislett was working as

the CAO for the Municipality of West Hants at the time the alleged offence is said to have occurred. Chislett has been accused of striking her husband with a hammer during an altercation in a Martock residence in June.

Chislett resigned as CAO for the municipality in September. HANTS JOURNAL

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MacIntyre: A Cape Breton kid with an 'appreciation for storytelling'

Retirement. Veteran CBC host reflects on his career and his Nova Scotian roots

Linden MacIntyre said growing up in Cape Breton gave him a great sense of the value of a good story, a skill that served him well in a lengthy and distinguished career in journalism.

Having spent 50 years in the news business, MacIntyre retired this fall from the CBC after 24 years co-hosting *The Fifth Estate* and a total of 38 years with the public broadcaster. He announced his departure earlier this year, saying he was leaving to save the jobs of younger producers and to send a message about sweeping layoffs at the CBC.

Reflecting on his career this week, MacIntyre said the storytelling skills required of him as

Some other way

"There has to be a better way of doing it than cutting jobs, and there has to be a better way of doing it than cutting editorial budgets."

Linden MacIntyre on CBC job cuts

a journalist were first honed as a child, growing up in Port Hastings.

"Anybody who could tell a good story would be listened to, and that was the tradition I grew up in," he said. "I was in a household that loved telling stories and listening to stories, and as a kid you acquire an appreciation for storytelling because, first of all, it's interesting, and secondly, because people who are good at it get a lot of attention, and kids are always looking for ways to get attention."

MacIntyre said that love of storytelling later became his springboard into journalism.

"Growing up in Cape Bre-

ton, you're always conscious of the need to earn a living, so to put together storytelling and earning a living, journalism becomes a possibility," he said.

From 1964 to 1976, MacIntyre worked as a print reporter in Halifax, Ottawa and for six years in Sydney with the *Chronicle Herald*. MacIntyre said his time as a reporter in Cape Breton was "crucial" to his growth as a journalist.

"I learned an awful lot about journalism there because there was a lot going on — steel plant, coal mines, construction boom, social change going on all over the place and constant debates and discussion about policy," he said. "It was a highly



Linden MacIntyre said working as a reporter in Sydney was "crucial" for his growth as a journalist. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

energetic media environment in Sydney."

In 1976, MacIntyre joined the CBC and worked on pro-

grams like *The MacIntyre File* and *The Journal* before joining *The Fifth Estate* in 1990.

Through it all, MacIntyre

said the Cape Breton way of standing up against things that are wrong framed much of what he did. **CAPE BRETON POST**

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Man charged in dirt-bike incident

Police in Cape Breton charged a 28-year-old man on Tuesday with driving his dirt bike on railway tracks and causing an accident with a train Monday in the area of the Sydney Coal Railway. The summary offence ticket carries a fine of \$406.45. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Amherst mayor speaks out on fracking

Amherst Mayor Robert Small is disappointed the debate over accepting treated wastewater from Atlantic Industrial Services went the way it did.

Speaking at the end of Monday night's town council meeting, Robert Small said protests and a Facebook site opposed to the proposal prevented an open discussion on the subject and led to threats, insults, bullying and misinformation.

"While I do respect those

opposed to fracking, the project council had been considering had nothing to do with the approval of fracking in our town, nor did it have anything to do with the treatment of fracking waste in our town," the mayor said in a prepared statement.

"Council was considering permitting clean water that has gone through significant treatment processes to ensure that any contaminant has been

removed through the treatment process.

"That being said, those who organized the demonstration did not attend the information session or pursue any information from the town. Instead they decided to present the wrong information and mislead the people into thinking that council was approving fracking and the discharge of fracking wastewater without any consideration for the environment."

environment."

Amherst announced earlier Monday it was walking away from talks with a Debert company about accepting treated wastewater used in hydraulic fracturing in Hants County several years ago.

During an in-camera meeting on Sunday, staff provided an update on the negotiations. At the end of that discussion, council opted to end the process. **CUMBERLAND NEWS**

Trestle Trail Bridge closed

Liverpool. The future of the bridge remains uncertain, says a report

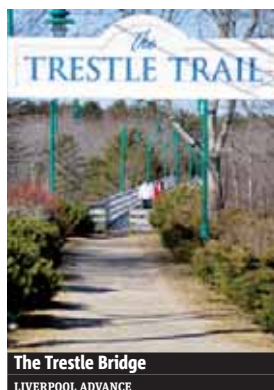
The Trestle Trail Bridge is closed, and whether it will reopen remains a big question.

A report by engineering firm AMEC Americas Ltd. stated the concrete foundation of the bridge has experienced severe deterioration, which now threatens its safety.

The report, submitted on Monday, recommended that "pedestrian and all types of vehicles be prevented from using the bridge ... until further detailed investigation and engineering analysis be completed."

The municipality made the decision to close it immediately.

"We understand that the closure of the Trestle Trail Bridge will be a hardship for many people, as it is a travel route for many across the river, as well as a popular route for physical activity," said Christopher Clarke, Mayor of the Region of Queens Municipality. "But, in the interest of public safety, we are following the recommendation by



The Trestle Bridge
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the engineering consultants to close the Trestle Bridge immediately. Public safety is the primary concern."

The Trestle Trail Bridge, a railway bridge built in the late 19th century, is part of a popular local trail that passes through the business districts of Liverpool, through a wooded area and across the Mersey River.

Council has directed staff to investigate potential options and the magnitude of costs of further studies, but Mayor Clarke said it was too early to give any kind of a timeline on when those would be presented.

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Publication ban. News outlet publishes name of teen girl in child porn case

Police have launched an investigation into a possible breach of a publication ban after a major news outlet in Halifax published the name of a teenage girl at the centre of a high-profile child pornography case.

Const. Pierre Bourdages said Tuesday that they had received several reports from citizens complaining about the use of the girl's name, which is subject to a publication ban under the Criminal Code.

"There's already been a number of complaints filed with the department in relation to this article," he said.

"There's an alleged breach

of the publication ban ... so we have an investigation ongoing now."

The news outlet said late Monday that it decided to name the girl because it believes doing so is in the public interest, given the widespread recognition of her name and the good that can come from free public debate over sexual consent and other elements of her story.

The girl's family has been steadfast in their opposition to the ban, arguing that concealing her name ends up silencing her and suppressing part of her story. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

From Ferguson to Ottawa

Post aimed at non-black protesters sparks debate

A suggestion that white and non-black protesters limit their visibility and "stand behind black folks" at protests Tuesday in Ottawa and Toronto against the fatal shooting of a black teen in Ferguson, Mo.,

has sparked a heated debate on social media.

Bilan Arte, one of the Ottawa event organizers, says on the vigil's Facebook page that "white/non black allies" should "refrain from taking up space." The same message appeared on the Facebook page for the Toronto rally, asking whites and non-blacks to not speak to the media, saying "black voices are crucial to this." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Jian Ghomeshi withdraws \$55M lawsuit against CBC

Abuse allegations. CBC spokesman says both sides have reached an agreement, but Ghomeshi is to receive 'nothing'

Scandal-plagued former radio host Jian Ghomeshi has reached an agreement with the CBC to withdraw his \$55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster, a CBC spokesman said on Tuesday.

Ghomeshi was fired by the CBC last month amid allegations of "abusive behaviour" from numerous women — claims which he has denied.

The 47-year-old former host of the radio program Q launched his lawsuit a day after the termination of his employment, alleging defamation and breach of confidence in his statement of claim. The CBC then argued in court filings earlier this month that Ghomeshi's allegations were frivolous or vexatious, and urged a court



CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi is shown in a handout photo. The CBC says Ghomeshi has withdrawn a \$55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster. **CBC/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

to dismiss the suit.

CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson confirmed that lawyers for both sides have now reached an agreement.

"The suit is being withdrawn with costs in favour of CBC," he said. "He's getting nothing."

Ghomeshi is expected to

pay \$18,000 in legal costs to the CBC, Thompson said. The agreement still needs to be formalized through a court — a step Thompson said is expected in the near future.

Ghomeshi had also filed a union grievance against the CBC alleging dismissal without cause, a matter which Thomp-

son said still remains active.

A lawyer for Ghomeshi confirmed that the lawsuit between his client and the CBC "has been resolved."

"CBC and Mr Ghomeshi will address all issues in the lawsuit in binding arbitration in accordance with the collective agreement between them," said Jonathan Lisus. "Counsel appointed by the union will have carriage of the arbitration."

The CBC has said it decided to fire Ghomeshi after seeing "graphic evidence" that he had physically injured a woman.

Since his dismissal, nine women have come forward with allegations, some dating back a decade, that Ghomeshi sexually or physically assaulted them, and police are investigating complaints by at least three of them.

Ghomeshi faces no charges. He admitted in a lengthy Facebook post published on Oct. 26, the day he was fired, that he engaged in "rough sex," but insisted his encounters with women were consensual.

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Highlights from auditor general's report

Auditor general Michael Ferguson released his fall report Tuesday. Here are six issues highlighted by the audit team.

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Long wait times

Many of Canada's battle-scarred veterans wait up to eight months to find out if they are eligible for long-term, mental-health disability benefits and the department responsible for their care doesn't know if its treatment programs are effective. The report takes Veterans Affairs Canada — as well as National Defence — to task for saddling veterans with an array of paperwork and for making them wait a long time for help.

Sex offender registry lacking information

The national sex offender registry may not include some Canadians convicted of crimes abroad because the RCMP doesn't have access to Foreign Affairs information on convicts released from prisons in other countries. The report urges the RCMP to work with the department on improving information sharing.

In general, the RCMP did not have access to information on Canadians arrested, charged, convicted and released from foreign prisons. However the report says RCMP and Public Safety Canada were working well with foreign police on criminal investigations that affect Canadians.



Who benefits from food program in Northern Canada?

The federal government can't tell if northerners are reaping the full benefit of a program aimed at helping to offset the high cost of food in the North.

The audit team also had problems with the fact that the department doesn't collect reliable data on the profit margins of retailers in order to determine whether consumers are benefiting from the full subsidy.

Clutter in Library and Archives Canada an issue

Future generations may not be able to enjoy Canada's recorded heritage — including photos, maps and important documents — because Library and Archives Canada is not collecting all of the material it should from federal agencies.

The auditor general's report says Library and Archives doesn't know what it already has due to a backlog of 98,000 boxes of records.

Poor finding aids for some of the material in its collection make it hard to locate records — including documents on Indian residential schools needed by the federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



Aid projects plagued by delays

Funding delays of more than a year plagued two Canada humanitarian assistance projects in Syria, while the military's water-purification system didn't measure up during last year's typhoon in the Philippines. The report examined 42 Foreign Affairs projects totalling \$172 million in response to eight global crises between April 2011 and December 2013, including African drought and famine, floods in Central America, an earthquake in Guatemala and Hurricane Sandy.

A struggle to obtain information on auto bailout

Canadians would have to go searching through a bunch of different reports if they wanted to piece together how their tax dollars were spent on big auto bailouts.

The audit team says they struggled to get a full picture of the aid given to automakers, whether the money made a difference and how much was recovered and lost.

They say that's because no single department or agency was in charge of collecting and reporting all this information.

Freedom. Ex-hairstylist close to exoneration

A former hairstylist turned drug dealer who spent 23 years in prison for murder has moved one step closer to possibly clearing his name.

Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay has referred Frank Ostrowski's case to the Manitoba Court of Appeal for a conviction review.

MacKay said in a written statement he was "satisfied there is a reasonable basis to conclude that a miscarriage of justice likely occurred in Mr. Ostrowski's 1987 conviction."

Ostrowski, 65, said he is anxious for the ordeal to be over.

"It doesn't take long to put somebody in (prison), but it takes them a long time to change things," he said after a brief court appearance in which his bail was continued.

"Now I have the evidence that proves I'm innocent ... and it'll all be settled shortly."

The move comes five years



Frank Ostrowski
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after a Court of Queen's Bench judge released Ostrowski on bail pending a federal review of his case. The judge cited serious concerns about the conviction.

Ostrowski was found guilty of ordering the shooting death of Robert Nieman over a drug debt. He was convicted largely on the testimony of a key witness — Matthew Lovelace — who had separate charges of cocaine possession stayed.

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Florida. Quebec man's trial date set for January

A Quebec man accused of travelling to the U.S. to have sex with someone he thought was an underage boy is set to go on trial in Florida in January.

A two-week jury trial has been scheduled for Rene Roberge beginning on Jan. 12.

Roberge, 47, was arrested at the Fort Lauderdale airport earlier this month after a flight from Montreal.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to coerce and entice a minor to engage in sexual activity, travelling to the U.S. with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct and transporting material involving sexual exploitation of minors.

In an unproven criminal

complaint filed in a U.S. court, however, an American agent has alleged Roberge confessed to flying to the U.S. to have sex with someone he believed was a 13-year-old boy.

According to the complaint filed by Vanessa Blanco, a special agent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, American authorities began the sting a year ago on a social networking site.

Court documents also allege Roberge told authorities he planned to travel to Texas after his time in Florida to engage in sexual activity with another underage boy who was not part of the undercover operation.

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Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, leaves the courtroom at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the death and dismemberment of university student Jun Lin, a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Magnotta defence team rests its case

Shifting focus. The prosecution will now call rebuttal witnesses

The defence formally rested its case in the first-degree murder trial of Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday without the accused having taken the stand.

Attorney Luc Leclair presented a dozen witnesses over two weeks, and although Magnotta did not testify, Leclair called several witnesses, namely his father and two forensic psychiatrists who assessed him for criminal responsibility.

Magnotta, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in the

slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin, a Chinese engineering student. The accused admitted to the killing, but pleaded not guilty due to a mental disorder.

The two psychiatrists hired by the defence have said they believe Magnotta was in a psychotic state the night Lin was killed and that he was unable to tell right from wrong. They also noted his schizophrenia had gone untreated since 2010.

Crown witness Dr. Joel Paris, a Montreal psychiatrist, said Tuesday he observed no signs of schizophrenia or indications of prolonged psychosis when he met with Magnotta about a month before the slaying.

"We didn't have the evi-

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"We didn't have the evidence for (schizophrenia). In other words, there was no evidence of an extended period of psychosis or chronic psychosis."

Dr. Joel Paris, a Montreal psychiatrist, who was the last medical professional to meet with Magnotta before Lin's death.

dence for it," Paris said. "In other words, there was no evidence of an extended period of psychosis or chronic psychosis."

Paris said Magnotta did not

ask for specific medications, nor did he say he heard voices. He told Paris he had previously been followed by a psychiatrist while living in Ontario and felt he should be in Montreal, but Paris still doesn't know what Magnotta was looking for that day.

Magnotta faces four other charges, including criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other MPs, mailing indecent material, committing an indignity to a body and publishing obscene materials.

With the trial now in its ninth week, the prosecution will now call rebuttal witnesses with the defence having rested its case. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Ferguson awakens to destruction after night of protests and arrests

Shooting death of Michael Brown.

Protesters peaceful and violent alike took to the streets last night in wake of grand jury decision

Missouri's governor ordered more National Guardsmen into Ferguson on Tuesday to keep order after a night of violence over the grand jury decision in the police shooting of Michael Brown.

Smoke billowed from burned-out Ferguson businesses on Tuesday and glass littered the sidewalks from display windows that were smashed during the protests that erupted after it was announced that police Officer Darren Wilson wouldn't be indicted for killing Brown on Aug. 9.

More than a dozen businesses were badly damaged or destroyed. Authorities reported hearing hundreds of gunshots, which for a time prevented fire crews from fighting the flames.

There were 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian Schellman said. There were 21 arrests in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand Avenue, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

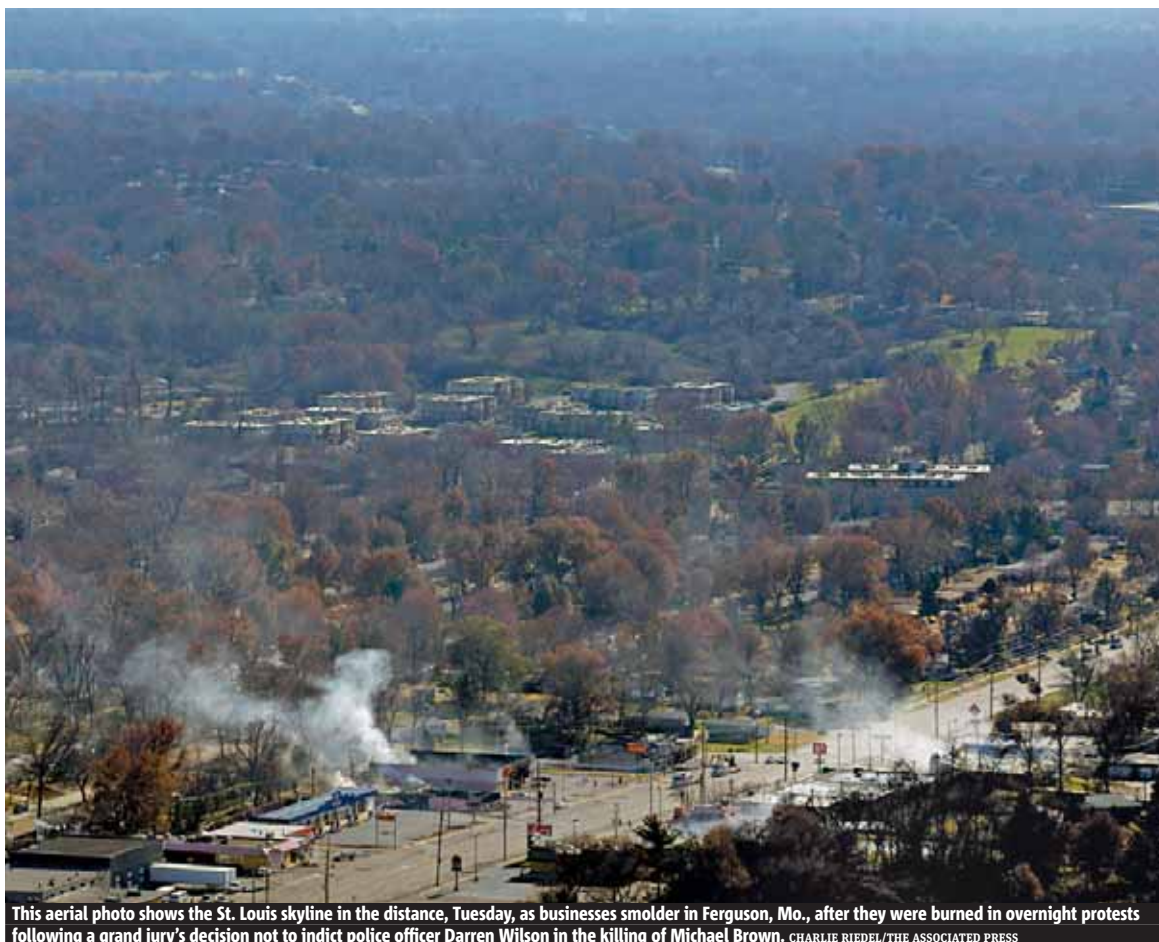
Simmering U.S. tensions

The world reacts

The violent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, reflect simmering U.S. tensions over racial discrimination that could undermine the country's stability, a senior Russian diplomat said Tuesday. The comments by the Russian Foreign Ministry's human rights envoy, Konstantin Dolgov, were among the sharpest from a foreign official as images of violent protests in Ferguson topped newscasts around the world.

At least 18 people were injured and sought treatment at area hospitals, including someone who was shot and recovering Tuesday at SSM DePaul Health Center. The hospital didn't give any details about the shooting. Two other people were admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for undisclosed injuries. Everyone else was treated and released.

The grand jury's decision means that Wilson, who is white, will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, who was black and unarmed. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



This aerial photo shows the St. Louis skyline in the distance, Tuesday, as businesses smolder in Ferguson, Mo., after they were burned in overnight protests following a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of Michael Brown. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferguson officer says he couldn't have prevented Brown's killing



Darren Wilson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson says he couldn't have done anything differently in his confrontation with Michael Brown to have prevented the 18-year-old's shooting death.

Wilson made his first public statements Tuesday during an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos.

He told Stephanopoulos he has a clean conscience because

"I know I did my job right."

Wilson was placed on leave Aug. 9, the day the white officer fatally shot Brown, who was unarmed and black.

Wilson had been with the Ferguson police force for less than three years before the shooting. He told Stephanopoulos that Brown's shooting marked the first time he had used his gun.

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Details

ABC News' George Stephanopoulos landed the much-sought first television interview with Darren Wilson, speaking to him for an hour Tuesday in Missouri.

- The network interrupted its afternoon programming Tuesday for Stephanopoulos to talk about the interview, even before excerpts were available.

- In television terms, the

Wilson interview was one of the biggest "gets" of the year, and the Ferguson police officer reportedly held discussions with representatives from CBS, NBC and CNN before deciding to speak with Stephanopoulos.

Cairo

At least 19 killed after building collapses

An apartment building in Egypt's capital collapsed Tuesday, killing at least 19 people. Neighbours said the seven-story building had several floors illegally added onto it.

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Neighbours watch rescue operations Tuesday. AMR NABI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France

Pope seeks to inspire Europe in Strasbourg speech

Pope Francis tried Thursday to inspire an old and "haggard" Europe to find its vigour and greatness once again, urging governments to

welcome migrants, care for the elderly and create jobs.

Francis outlined his vision for the continent in a pair of speeches to the European Parliament and Council of Europe.

Specifically, he called for legislators to promote policies that create jobs and accept immigrants.

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Nigeria

More than 40 killed in Maiduguri suicide bombing

Two teenage girls entered a busy marketplace separately Tuesday, the first detonating her bomb and killing three women. As rescuers

rushed in, the second girl screamed and set off her explosives, killing dozens more, according to witnesses and authorities.

Suspicion immediately fell on the Islamic militant group Boko Haram. It was not known Tuesday if the attackers were connected to the April abduction of over 200 schoolgirls. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Watchdog in favour of ride-sharing apps

Competition Bureau.

After several cities took action against Uber, the federal regulator suggests loosening the rules may be the answer

The Competition Bureau says municipalities should consider whether moves to ban digital dispatch services and ride-sharing applications are necessary.

In a commentary published on its website, the federal regulator said Tuesday that municipalities should look to see if less restrictive regulations could address their concerns.

"The Competition Bureau is of the view that these innovative business models have the potential to offer important benefits to consumers through more competition, including lower prices, greater convenience and better service qual-

Uber

Uber, which operates around the world, has faced criticism and bitter opposition from established players to its operations.

- The company, in turn, has accused the taxi companies of trying to stifle competition and said ride-sharing brings costs down for users and creates jobs.

- In seeking its injunction, Toronto accused Uber of carrying on the business of a taxicab broker or limousine service company because it is accepting and processing requests for taxicab or limousine services from passengers, but it has not applied for or received a licence.

ity for a variety of reasons," the regulator said.

The comments follow a move by Toronto last week to seek a court injunction to force Uber Canada Inc. to stop operations in that city.

The Competition Bureau said municipalities have raised concerns that digital dispatch services may not comply with local regulations and licensing requirements.

It noted that Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver recently disallowed ride-sharing services and Ottawa and Toronto have taken enforcement action.

The regulator said some have also raised concerns about consumer protection issues, including safety and privacy concerns.

"While the bureau is not well-placed to assess safety concerns, which may well be legitimate, we are able to highlight to regulators what they give up in terms of reduced competition when these innovative offerings are prohibited," the regulator said.

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Big hits for smaller paycheques

Bollywood actors Hrithik Roshan, right, and Katrina Kaif pose for the media during the music launch of their upcoming film Bang Bang in Mumbai, India, in this Sept. 17 file photo. This is Bollywood's year of the woman. Some of the biggest hits in India's prolific movie industry this year have female leads in female-oriented stories but a film actress gets paid a fraction of what their male counterparts command. Top male stars earn around 400 million rupees (\$6.7 million US) per film on average, apart from a share of the profits, according to industry experts. A-list actresses such as Deepika Padukone and Kaif get paid a tenth of that per film. RAFIQ MAQBOO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry paying people to ditch their iPhones

BlackBerry hopes a \$600 incentive will convince iPhone users to swap their touchscreen Apple device for a keyboard-equipped BlackBerry Passport.

The technology company plans to launch the holiday promotion in December, giving customers up to \$400 of trade-in value, plus \$200 through a prepaid credit card. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Frozen toys knock Barbie from top spot this season

For the first time in more than a decade Barbie has been frozen out of the top spot on the holiday wish lists of girls.

The new reigning champion in the hearts of little girls is Team Elsa.

The megahit Frozen has earned Disney more than a billion at the box office worldwide and the gravitational pull of the animated film has now plucked Barbie from the throne that she has occupied for 11 years, according to a survey by the National Retail Federation, based in the U.S.

The NRF's Holiday Top



The Disney Frozen Sparkle Princess Elsa Doll. CONTRIBUTED

Toys Survey found that one in five parents, or 20 per cent, plans to buy Frozen mer-

chandise for their girls. That beats the 16.8 per cent that are looking to make a Barbie purchase.

Barbie's star has faded of late, with sales of the iconic doll dropping 21 per cent in the third quarter, according to the toy company Mattel Inc.

Frozen, even a year after the release of the film, continues to rule the playground, where girls spontaneously form circles and burst into songs like Let It Go, and For the First Time in Forever.

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BoC will raise rates in May: OECD

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has trimmed its forecast for the Canadian economy and is predicting the Bank of Canada will start raising its key interest rate in late May.

In its latest outlook Tuesday, the OECD predicted the Canadian economy will grow by 2.4 per cent this year, 2.6 per cent in 2015, and 2.4 per cent in 2016, largely driven by export demand from the

U.S. economy.

The estimate was down compared from the group's May forecast that predicted the Canadian economy would grow by 2.5 per cent this year and 2.7 per cent in 2015.

The OECD said the forecast was based on the Bank of Canada starting to raise its key interest rate in late May next year and steadily after that. The report noted that inflation, a key driver of interest rates, has returned to

the two per cent target range used by the Bank of Canada due in part to the weaker loonie.

This isn't the first prediction by the OECD about rate hikes in Canada. In its economic outlook last year, the organization forecast that the Bank of Canada would start raising interest rates in the fourth quarter of 2014 with the rate steadily rising to 2.25 per cent by the end of 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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'HANDS UP, DON'T SHOOT' RESONATES HERE

In the aftermath of the grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown, emotions are running high and many questions remain. Jen Taplin spoke with author, activist, spoken-word artist, professor and Halifax Regional Municipality's poet laureate El Jones on why Canada needs to pay attention



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What was your reaction when you heard Darren Wilson would not be indicted? What's the saying? 'Shocked, but not surprised.'

To indict the officer is to indict the system and they can't indict the system without then reforming it, so I didn't expect anything to happen there.

What do you think about the reaction across the United States? You've seen photos of them being treated like it's a hostile military country imposing no-fly zones.

So that's very disturbing, that people who are citizens of the country being treated like the enemy, with the same tactics they're using in Iraq or Afghanistan as invaders, and occupation is being directed at its own citizens.

From the beginning, there's been a consistent police response, which has been about repression rather than recognizing the right of the people to be in their own streets in their own country. We tend to get this media response that it's looting, it's rioting. (But) it's revolution.

The people are recognizing the solutions are not going to lie inside the political system, the justice system. It's going to



Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown, second from left standing on the top of a car, hugs an unidentified man, wearing an "I am Mike Brown" shirt, as she listens to the announcement of the grand jury decision Monday in Ferguson, Mo. A grand jury has decided not to indict. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have to be from people making their own response and that's what we've seen on the streets of Ferguson.

People want to characterize that as violence as that delegitimizes the protest ... I know people get frightened when

something revolutionary happens, but I think it's positive because what we've seen is the ordinary people organizing ...

What about the reaction in Canada? There's been a lot more awareness of racial

profiling and police brutality in general ... We had the Moncton shootings and we're always coming through this lens in Canada, especially with Ottawa, of violence against police versus police violence.

There's that question of is

it disrespectful to talk about the police when we've had Moncton? When we held the Ferguson Rally in Halifax people said, 'There aren't shootings here, so why are you holding a rally?'

And we said, 'Well, that's

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"People said 'There aren't shootings here so why are you holding a rally?'

And we said, 'Well that's why, we want to get people organized to work in our communities before there's a crisis point.'"

El Jones, on why it's important to protest in Canada

why. We want to get people organized to work in our communities before there's a crisis point, because once you're in crisis, there's no justice and there's nothing that can happen. Once somebody's dead, what can you do?"

As African people, we have the right to engage our police departments, we should have a race relations committee, we should have members of the community that are keeping the police accountable, we should be doing neighbourhood watch and police watch to make sure policing in our community is in relation to us and we have whatever relationships we need to have in the police department.

Analysis

Canada does not use grand juries



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Guest columnist

When a grand jury looked at the shooting death of Michael Brown, it was not assessing the guilt or innocence of Officer Darren Wilson, but rather if the prosecution could lay a charge against him and what that charge should be.

In the U.S., grand jury deliberations are controlled by the prosecution and done in secret. The prosecution presents evidence and explains the law to the jury and how it applies to the particular case. The defence does not participate in a grand jury and thus, there is no cross-examination of witnesses. The findings of a grand jury do not have to be unanimous; in Missouri, nine out of 12 jurors must support indictment for a charge to be laid. Prosecutor Robert McCulloch did not have to go the grand jury route. He could have laid charges and proceeded to a preliminary

hearing, a process also used in Canada for serious offences. Unlike a grand jury, a preliminary hearing takes place in an open court, is supervised by a judge, and allows for the cross-examination of witnesses by the defence.

Canada does not use a grand jury process. Instead, in most Canadian provinces the police have the power to lay charges in criminal matters (with the exception of B.C. and Quebec). Once charges have been laid, it is up to the Crown prosecutor to decide which charges will be pursued in court. The Crown must decide based on the evidence if the prosecution is in

the public interest and if there is a likelihood of conviction. Had this incident taken place in Ontario, the Special Investigations Unit (an independent civilian agency), would investigate and determine if criminal charges should be laid, as was the case most recently in the of the police shooting death of Sammy Yatim in Toronto, who, in an incident caught on tape, was shot eight times by police on a streetcar. The officer in the Yatim case, James Forcillo, was charged with second-degree murder by the SIU and is currently awaiting trial.

It is difficult to know whether the outcome would

be different had the Ferguson case taken place in Canada. Arguably, in an Ontario scenario, the process would have been less controlled by the prosecution, there would have been a SIU investigation, the evidence presented would be subject to more restrictions and cross-examination by the defence. Finally, the decision to prosecute would not be left to a secret decision made by 12 anonymous individuals.

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Canadian stats

In at least one Canadian jurisdiction, police rarely face charges when involved in violent incidents.

- According to a 2010 investigation by the Toronto Star, the SIU had to date conducted more than 3,400 investigations, with criminal charges being laid in only 95 cases. Only 16 officers had been convicted of a crime and three had gotten jail time.



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Aniston revs up Dr. Julia's raunch in Horrible Bosses 2

Movies. Actress game to spice up sex fiend reboot but draws the line at mixing smut with gravy



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In *Horrible Bosses 2*, Jennifer Aniston's sexually predatory Dr. Julia character from the first film finds herself in a setting that shouldn't be that surprising: a support group for sexual compulsives. Only she's not necessarily there with the most honest of intentions. Apparently she was faking the first step.

"I think the intention was to maybe seek help, but I think what she ultimately found out was that this is just like chum for her," Aniston says of the scene.

"What a wonderful sort of easy (opportunity). I'm sure she'd lost all of her patients, she'd done all of them, so maybe this was just another wonderful, innocent way to find more prey."

Dr. Julia as a character is one that got Aniston a lot of acclaim the first time around, particularly because it involved more raunch and raciness than audiences were necessarily expecting from her, and that's something she revelled in.

"She's a hard one to let go of. I didn't get enough of her. It was just like a little In and Out burger, and then she was done," Aniston says.

"I find it extremely entertaining, the way she speaks, because I don't really think, to her, she's saying anything inappropriate. I think to her, it's describing the ingredients to a wonderful soufflé or what are we going to be doing this weekend."

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"I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?' I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.'"

Jennifer Aniston



Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia in *Horrible Bosses 2*. CONTRIBUTED

Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day, Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Spacey

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The second look at the pitiful employment record of Nick (Jason Bateman), Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) and Dale (Charlie Day) sees them try to strike it rich with a new product called the Shower Buddy, but when a shady

billionaire (Christoph Waltz) pulls a fast one, they get even by kidnapping his son (Chris Pine).

There are more laughs on the average job application than in this workplace "comedy." Bateman, Sudeikis and Day seem to be having fun, joking and jostling like brothers, giggling as if they are in on a fantastic gag that only they get. It's too bad the audience doesn't have as much fun watching the movie as the cast apparently did while making it. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Comedy vs. drama

Horrible Bosses 2 isn't the only big film Jennifer Aniston has on tap.

- She's also been getting rave reviews for her more serious work in the indie drama *Cake*, which can lead to a bit of promotional schizophrenia. But she wouldn't have it any other way.
- "I love doing both," Aniston says. "I mean, I think one accesses one part of my brain, and the other accesses another. Anytime I approach any character, comedy or drama, it's grounded in reality coming from the truth. There's comedy in drama and drama in comedy — I don't find the two exclusive of one another."

For a sequel, though, clearly the envelope needed to be pushed.

"Honestly, I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?'"

"I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.' I think it rose itself to the occasion. The dialogue was great," she says.

Well, maybe not all of it was that great. There's a moment during the outtakes that play over the film's credits where Aniston flat-out refuses to say an improvised line of dialogue — and now she can't even remember what it was.

"I want to know what the line was! I don't remember," she says.

"The one thing I wouldn't say — imagine how bad it must've been if I said that I can't say it. Either it was so bad or I just really didn't understand it — probably one of the two."

Luckily, one of the film's producers is on hand to remind her: It had something to do with using gravy for sexual purposes.

"It had to do with gravy? Well there you go, right there," she says. "I can tell you, gravy is not funny. Sexual gravy is not funny."

Exploring the darkness behind Into the Wild

Books. Sister of Chris McCandless hopes new revelations about their upbringing will help explain her brother's fatal Alaskan odyssey

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It's hard to find someone who doesn't have an opinion about Chris McCandless. You likely already know the bare bones of his story: Young hiker walks into the Alaskan wilderness with a .22-calibre rifle and a 10-pound bag of rice, determined to live off the land, test his own mettle and come to grips with some weighty questions. Several months later, his emaciated body is found by hunters in an abandoned bus, along with a diary of his increasingly futile efforts to survive.

What would drive anyone to take such a risk? Author Jon Krakauer did his best to answer that in a high-profile article for *Outside* magazine, then in the highly regarded 1996 book *Into the Wild*.

Chris, it transpired, was a top student and athlete from a well-off Washington, D.C.-area family who was poised for success, but instead chose to renounce material goods, a career and, at times, society. Upon graduating from university, he had donated his savings to charity, burned his cash and set out on the road. His family didn't hear from him again.

The book was notably even-handed, but it provoked a staggeringly wide range of interpretation. To this day, McCandless debates still run at fever pitch online. As Krakauer writes in the introduction to *The Wild Truth*, a new mem-



Chris McCandless took this self-portrait in front of the bus off Alaska's Stampede Trail where he lived in his last months.

oir by Chris's younger sister Carine, "A lot of people came away from reading *Into the Wild* without grasping why Chris did what he did. Lacking explicit facts, they concluded that he was merely self-absorbed, unforgivably cruel to his parents, mentally ill, suicidal and/or witless."

The piece of the story that was missing, Carine now explains, is that she and Chris grew up in a home rife with domestic and emotional abuse,

all while being forced by their parents to maintain the facade of a harmonious Christian family. "I would definitely say that the psychological things that we went through were more devastating than the physical things," she says in an interview. "Much more so. Those are the things that drove Chris out."

She says she told Krakauer all this while he was researching his book, so he would better understand her brother,

but made him promise to keep the details out of print. "I really wanted to spare my parents, because I really felt that they would learn — obviously, I expected them to learn from Chris's death, because I couldn't imagine how they could not."

They didn't learn, by her account, and instead maintained their position that the family life had been fine — one reason that Carine became more open about their upbringing

Other reads

Carine McCandless isn't the only one who has revisited her brother's story.

- In December 2013, *Outside* magazine ran a piece called *The Chris McCandless Obsession Problem*, about the pilgrims who try to visit the old bus in the Alaskan wilderness where he lived and died. Many of those who attempt the trek run into trouble with the Teklanika River — even though the river's dangers were well documented in *Into the Wild* — thus forcing officials to rescue them. A 29-year-old Swiss hiker named Claire Ackermann drowned in 2010 while trying to cross the Teklanika. Because of this, there's been an ongoing local debate in the community of Healy, Alaska about removing the bus.

- In September 2013, Jon Krakauer wrote an item for



The *New Yorker* called *How Chris McCandless Died*, in which he updated his previous theories about whether the hiker was poisoned by wild potato seeds that he'd eaten. The issue is not a trivial one, since it plays into the discussion over McCandless's wilderness inexperience.

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"I just want people to have the facts. If it doesn't change their opinion about Chris, that's OK."

Carine McCandless, on the revelations in her memoir *The Wild Truth*

over the years, she says. By the time of the 2007 film adaptation by Sean Penn, she, too, had essentially cut off contact with her parents.

But her main motivation in going public has to do with the students she's met since *Into the Wild* was published. The book is required reading at many U.S. schools, and in going to speak at those schools, she found that students and teachers reacted differently when they knew the backstory.

She realized being open about the abuse was helping others in the same situation.

Given that, maybe it's petty to wonder whether the new revelations could ever change the shape of the battle over Chris's legacy. "I just want people to have the facts. If it doesn't change their opinion about Chris, that's OK," she says. "The greatest inspiration and the greatest lessons come from truth, so I want that truth to be out there."

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Chris Hemsworth and his new puppy

As if one major cutie in the family wasn't enough, the Hemsworths get a puppy

If Chris Hemsworth is the Sexiest Man Alive, does that mean the pooch his family just added to their ranks is the Cutest Puppy Alive?

Not that I'm saying it isn't, mind you. Just wondering if this is some sort of

line of succession thing. The Thor star's wife, actress Elsa Pataky, posted a photo of the pup on Instagram with the multilingual message, "Our new family member!" along with the hashtag cute.

Again, not arguing.

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Pitt and Jolie's balcony scene shows not all is domestic bliss



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The working honeymoon is apparently over for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who were spotted by paparazzi having an "explosive" argument on a balcony of Sydney's InterContinental hotel just hours before the Australian premiere of Unbroken, her new film. "He was clearly exasperated with her. They kept talking over each other and putting their hands up in anger. They were upset, but going nowhere. Angie looked like she was on the verge

of tears," a source — who, come on, is obviously the photographer — tells In Touch.

And after their red carpet duties were done? They departed Australia — "Brad in one private jet, and Angie in another," another source says.

Now, according to Jolie herself, things at home are going pretty swell, though she does admit there's room for improvement.

"I think we have moments where I'll say, 'I'm going to be a better wife. I'm going to cook,'" Jolie tells Tom Brokaw during an interview. "And he says, 'Oh, honey. Just know what you're good at. Know what you're not.' But I do this: 'No, no, no! I'm going to get this wife thing down.'"

Maybe they were having one of those moments up on that balcony. Here's to hoping.



Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Patrick has Mama Shriver convinced Miley's a sweetie

Maria Shriver has reportedly warmed to the idea of son Patrick Schwarzenegger dating Miley Cyrus — and just in time for the holidays! So how did Schwarzenegger convince his mom that his girlfriend is up to snuff? The old-fashioned way: pointing out that she's not Taylor Swift. "Patrick has done a marvellous job in turning Maria from being violently opposed to now saying she's a sweet girl and she was really mistaken from not knowing her and only knowing about her from her press," a source tells Radar Online.

"Maria was terrified that it would be another nightmare like the Taylor situation.

Taylor Swift was their biggest fear. They all thought it was going to turn out like that." The *that* in question, by the way, is when Swift briefly dated 18-year-old Conor Kennedy and came on strong enough to rattle the Kennedy clan, of which Shriver is a member. "Patrick is really trying to give Miley positive PR with the Kennedy-Shriver clan," a source says.

Hope they don't see the photos from her birthday party, then.



The Cowardly Lion costume from The Wizard of Oz on display at Bonham's auction house. The face is a sculpted likeness of late actor Bert Lahr.

\$3M for bundle of nerves — Cowardly Lion costume sold

How much would you pay for a musty old pile of fur worn by a grown man under sweltering lights? OK, so maybe that pile of fur is actually the costume worn by Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion in The Wizard of Oz, but still it can't smell that great. The costume in question fetched \$3 million at Bonham's Turner Classic Movies auction recently.

Also a big-ticket item — and possibly less smelly? The iconic piano from Casablanca, which went for \$3.4 million.

While impressive, neither sale beats the record for an auctioned-off movie prop set last year, when the Maltese Falcon statue from, well, The Maltese Falcon, went for \$4 million.

Golf away those wild Vegas nights

Las Vegas. Sin City might be best known for its gambling and night life, but its luxe links are worth a wake-up call



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Among the hottest late-night clubs for those deter-



The Las Vegas National Golf Club is the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour win in 1996. CONTRIBUTED

mined to party till dawn are LAX at the Luxor, The Bank at the Bellagio and Tao at the Venetian. But only the uninitiated and unhip even think of making their entrance before midnight.

Night owls bidding their time might want to stop by the Cloud Nine Short Course at Angel Park Golf Club and play par-3 golf on floodlit fairways. But come the dawn, Angel Park is best known as the home of two excellent full-length 18-hole layouts, the Palm and Mountain courses, both designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay.

Part of the beauty of golf in Las Vegas is that several

top courses are just a short cab ride from the Strip, eliminating the need for a rental car. Next door to the Mandalay Resort and Casino is the Bali Hai Golf Club, a gorgeous Schmidt-Curley design offering views of the towering casinos.

Also found in the heart of the city is Desert Pines Golf Club, a Carolina sandhills-style layout by the great Pete Dye. Another must-play is Las Vegas National Golf Club, famous as the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour victory in 1996.

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My focus at work is getting a little fuzzy

Career. Factors outside our control can distract us at our desks, but there are ways to help you hone in on work

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No matter where you work, you've probably found that it can sometimes be hard to concentrate.

Maybe it's because a constant influx of emails keeps interrupting your workflow or because your office is open-concept and you can't close your door on the sound of your co-workers chatting, humming or talking on the phone.

As the holidays draw closer, you may find it even harder to concentrate, particularly if those around you are more interested in talking about social engagements and exchanging cards.

Whatever the case, here are a few things you can do to make it easier to concentrate:



Get comfortable

It's hard to concentrate if you're not comfortable in your workspace.

If you work at a desk, adjust your seat so you're sitting with a straight back and your feet firmly on the floor. Next, adjust your monitor to make sure that your screen is at eye level and your hands are resting on your keyboard with your elbows bent at approximately a 90-degree

angle. If your workplace is too warm or too cool for your liking and you're not able to control the overall temperature, dress appropriately. Try wearing layers if you're sensitive to heat or cold, or if your office temperature tends to fluctuate throughout the day.

Put your phone away

This may be tough if you're used to keeping your phone

near you, but it can have a huge impact on your productivity. Your phone can be really distracting if it's constantly alerting you of incoming messages. Put it on silent and move it out of sight, at least while you're working on anything that requires a high level of concentration.

Tidy up

Take a bit of time to straighten up your desk before settling in to work on a project so that your mind doesn't wander to the teetering piles of papers and dirty dishes stacked around you. Try to get into the habit of setting aside five to 10 minutes at the start or end of every workday to tidy up your workspace. In addition to improving your focus, it will also set a good example to your co-workers and show them that you make an effort to stay organized.

Set a schedule

Make a list of what you want to accomplish each day — you're more likely to force

Gimme a break

Don't forget to take periodic breaks to give your eyes a break from your screen, stretch your legs and get a drink of water or a snack.

- Use an app to remind yourself to get up and stretch if you won't remember to do it on your own or set an alarm to help you follow some kind of routine, like working for 55 minutes then taking a five-minute break.
- It's important to make sure that you also eat well and stay hydrated, so be sure to have a solid breakfast and lunch and drink plenty of water throughout the day. It will give you the energy you need to power through your day and will stop you from getting distracted by hunger or thirst.

yourself to focus if you know that you only have X amount of time to work on each task.

You should also schedule in breaks so that you don't forget to give yourself a rest. Plus, having a scheduled break to look forward to might also make it easier to buckle down.

Assemble everything you know you'll need so that you're not scrambling to find important notes and documents while you're in the

middle of working, since that can disrupt your workflow.

Silence notifications

Set your email, social media and other notifications to silent while you're working if you find yourself losing focus every time you get a new alert. If you get a lot of emails over the course of your day, you may want to close your email program for an hour or two so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

Handle a holiday party with professional poise

Career. Deck the office halls without going down in shake-my-head history

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It's that time of year again. As the holidays approach, employers around the globe are eagerly planning parties to say a big thank-you to their teams.

Workplace holiday parties are more casual than

regular office activities, but still have firm expectations in terms of conduct.

Your successful night starts with keeping a few key things in mind.

Mind the dress code

The last thing you want to do is undress or overdress for the festivities.

All work parties are different. Whether it's an ugly Christmas sweater party or a formal affair, make sure to pay close attention to the dress code on your invitation.

If there isn't a dress code listed, it's safe to stick to business casual attire, or just ask the party planner in your workplace to clarify.

Remember that even when the dress code may be different than your regular day-to-day dress code, it's still important to keep professional in mind.

Don't over-drink

Whether there's an open or a closed bar, there is no reason to over-consume at a holiday party.

Don't be the person who causes a scene and ends up being the subject of office gossip for weeks to come. Be aware of your limit, and mind that line. It's easy to forget about this when you are in the moment and having fun. A good rule of thumb is to pay attention to how much those around you are drinking — and follow suit.



Check the guest policy

Not all workplaces are open to accommodating your date or significant other at holiday parties.

This policy may surprise you if you've never encountered it, but sometimes the party budget just doesn't stretch far enough to allow for extra guests. If there are no explicit instructions on your invite, make sure that you ask first. Sometimes, a no-guest policy can be a relief. If you can bring a guest, make sure they're ready to behave in an appropriate manner — and leave your personal life out of casual conversation.

Follow the schedule

Most holiday parties stick to a particular schedule, so be respectful and cautious of that.

While you may feel inclined to show up whenever it suits you, it's important to make sure that the event is a success — and your attendance is a big part of that.

If the event has a formal component, like a dinner or award ceremony, make sure to note the expected start time. If it's a more casual event, be prepared to show up fairly early to help the event accumulate a crowd.

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This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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Serve up a colourful quinoa salad alongside this chicken dish to brighten up your dark evening dinner. The leftover combination will make a great salad. Or tuck the chicken into a pita with lettuce and tomato for a hearty sandwich.

1. In large bowl, toss together coriander, garlic, cumin and pepper with chicken breasts to coat evenly. (Make ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to

eight hours.)

2. Heat large non-stick ovenproof skillet over medium high heat and brown chicken breasts evenly on both sides, about eight minutes. Place in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. Slice into thick slices.

3. Avocado Paste: Meanwhile, remove skin and pit from avocado and scoop flesh into bowl. Mash with fork until smooth. Stir in shallot, garlic, red pepper, vinegar and pinch pepper. Spoon avocado paste alongside chicken to serve. Sprinkle with coriander leaves before serving if desired.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander or basil or Italian parsley
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground pepper

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)

Avocado Paste

- 1 ripe avocado
- Half small shallot, minced

- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely diced red pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sherry vinegar
- Pinch pepper
- Fresh coriander leaves (optional)

Layer on simple, yet big, flavours

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Coat a

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tbsp each chopped fresh thyme, oregano, rosemary
- 1 1/2 tsp each garlic powder, kosher salt, ground black pepper
- 4 large Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 1 large yellow onion
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and seeded
- Olive oil cooking spray

deep 7- or 8-inch round springform pan with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, mix the thyme, oregano, rosemary, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Set side.

3. Use a mandoline to slice the potatoes, onion and squash as paper thin as possible. Keep the vegetables in separate piles.

4. Arrange single layer of potato slices, slightly overlapping, over the bottom of the prepared pan. Spritz with cooking spray, then sprinkle a pinch of

the seasoning blend over them. No need to season heavily.

5. Top potatoes with few onion slices. Onion will break into thin rounds. You don't need a full layer, just a scattering of slices. Top onions with single layer of butternut squash slices, slightly overlapping. Use hand to gently, but firmly, compress layers. Spritz squash slices with cooking spray, then sprinkle pinch of seasoning over them.

6. Repeat layering and compressing in this manner, start-

ing with the potatoes and continuing until the layers reach the top of the pan. You should use all of the potatoes and onion, but may have some squash left. Spritz the top with cooking spray, then sprinkle a bit more seasoning over the top.

7. Cover with foil and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 30 minutes, or until the top is lightly browned, the sides have pulled away from the pan, and a knife inserted



Roasted Butternut and Herb Tart recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

at the centre passes easily through the vegetables to the

bottom.

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Clutch heroics 'just the DNA of Kyle'

NBA. Lowry's knack for late-game playmaking has Raps thriving where they once capitulated

This is pretty heady company.

As the discussion of Kyle Lowry focuses on his willingness to take a big shot, his ability to make a big play, his knack for dominating the game-changing moments, teammates and coaches trot out some big-time names.

"He kind of reminds me of Chauncey (Billups)," was how Amir Johnson put it, evoking comparisons to a former NBA Finals MVP known as "Mr. Big Shot."

"We had Gary Payton in Seattle; he reminds me so much of Gary in those situations," says coach Dwane Casey, going Johnson one further and likening the Raptors point guard to a hall of famer.

Pretty heady company, indeed.

Lowry has shown an uncanny ability to make big plays at big moments in a wondrous start to the season for the Raptors and the interesting thing about it is the variety of ways that he does it.

In Boston, he had a shocking strip of an over-matched rookie and a no-look drop pass to DeMar DeRozan that sealed a win.

Against Utah, he made a clutch shot in the dying minutes that basically sealed a win.

Monday against Phoenix, he had an amazing few seconds that included a blocked shot, a steal, an assist and an offensive foul charged that was a tour de



Kyle Lowry goes to the floor with Raptors teammate Amir Johnson to force a jump ball with the Suns' Isaiah Thomas on Monday night in Toronto. Lowry won the late-game jump, helping Toronto secure victory. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fourth right

10-0

Led by Kyle Lowry's late-game big plays, Toronto is 10-0 this season when it leads a game going into the fourth quarter and 4-0 in games decided by four points or fewer. In past years, the Raptors tended to collapse late. So far this season, they have thrived.

force. And all that was eclipsed in the final 30 seconds by another steal off Isaiah Thomas and a jump ball that was the defining late-game play in Toronto's fifth straight win. The win pushed the Raptors record to 12-2 and into a tie with the Memphis Grizzlies for the

NBA's best mark.

"He can't tell you the technique he uses, he just gets it done," said Casey. "A loose ball on the floor, he's going to come up with it; a charge to be taken, he's going to get it. Last night, it was a blocked shot (and) at his size, he got it. He just finds a way in those situations to get it done and it's just the DNA of Kyle."

Adds Johnson: "He takes the big shots, the clutch shots, he keeps going, always keeps the motor going, just like Chauncey."

Proving that it is truly instinctual, Lowry can't explain how he does what he does when he does it. In the speed

of the game and at frenetic moments, there isn't time to think, there's just time to react. He's repeatedly called them simply "basketball plays" and that's probably the best description.

Even if there's no way to figure out where those instincts come from.

"Playing basketball?" he asks rhetorically. "Playing basketball for 20-something years of my life, it just happens. You've got a feel for certain situations at certain times in a game."

"I think you just have it. If you've got it, you've got it from the day you start playing the game, to be honest."

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NBA

Curry, Warriors catch fire in 4th Q

Stephen Curry scored 40 points, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Miami Heat 114-97 on Tuesday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Golden State scored 14 straight points to open a 107-95 lead with 2:50 to go. Curry and Thompson capped the run with consecutive three-pointers.

Thompson had 24 points for the Warriors.

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P.K. Subban GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Subban leads first round of all-star voting

Montreal Canadiens defence-man P.K. Subban was the top vote-getter, after the first week of fan voting for the 2015 NHL all-star game in Columbus on Jan. 25.

Subban led all players with 100,133 votes, while teammate Carey Price led all goaltenders with 83,612 votes.

Pittsburgh Penguins forward Sidney Crosby was tops among forwards and sat second overall with 87,858 votes.

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Athletes speak up

Reactions on Twitter to the grand jury's decision not to indict officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.:



"The system enables young black men to be killed behind the mask of law #Ferguson #tippingpoint #change" Kobe Bryant

"Wow. Just wow. Shameful. What will it take???"



Serena Williams



"Disgusted by decision in Ferguson. Racism is learned. Accepted is systematic suffocation of education and opportunity. What are we saying?" Steve Nash

"As a society how do we do better and stop things like this happening time after time!! ... Violence is not the answer people. Retaliation isn't the solution as well. #PrayersUpToTheFamilies #WeHaveToDoBetter" LeBron James



NHL. Kane is able on PP in Jets' win over Jackets

Evander Kane scored two power-play goals, as the Winnipeg Jets held on to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Bryan Little and Andrew Ladd both had a goal and an assist, and Blake Wheeler and Jacob Trouba added two assists apiece for Winnipeg, which snapped a two-game losing streak.

Rookie goalie Michael Hutchinson made 32 saves to improve to 4-1-1.

Road trip

The Jets' three-game road trip swings by Buffalo on Wednesday and concludes in Boston on Friday.

Jordan Leopold and Ryan Johansen scored for the banged-up Blue Jackets, who are on a franchise-record pace for games lost to injuries.

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Aguero shows Bayern the City

Thrilling match. With a hat trick, Argentine striker saves Man City's chances in the Champions League

Sergio Aguero scored a hat trick, including two late goals, to inspire Manchester City to a 3-2 win over 10-man Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday, reviving the English champions' chances of reaching the knockout stage.

Aguero, who put City ahead with a 21st-minute penalty that led to the sending-off of defender Mehdi Benatia, consigned Bayern to a first competitive

loss this season by capitalizing on defensive errors to score again in the 85th and then in the first minute of stoppage time.

City is tied on five points with Roma and CSKA Moscow in Group E, seven behind already-qualified Bayern. Heading into the final round of group games, City needs to better CSKA's result at Bayern and improve its head-to-head against Roma, either beating the Italian side or achieving a higher-scoring draw than 1-1.

"This team never knows it is beaten," City manager Manuel Pellegrini said. "I am sure that this kind of victory gives a lot of trust to the whole squad."

Bayern fielded a weakened team with progress belied its numerical inferiority by

coming from behind to lead at Etihad Stadium, with Xabi Alonso and Robert Lewandowski scoring in the final five minutes of the first half.

Somehow, despite picking up just two points from its first four group matches, City can still qualify for the last 16. Its chances would have been very slim without Aguero's late intervention at the same end of Etihad Stadium where the Argentina striker won the Premier League title for City with an injury-time goal on the last day of the 2011-12 season.

"We gave them the game," Bayern coach Pep Guardiola said. "They had hardly any chances with 11 against 10 ... we were tired in the last 10 minutes."

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One more record

72

Barcelona thrashed APOEL 4-0 Tuesday as Lionel Messi scored a hat trick to set a Champions League scoring record. Messi's first goal in the 38th minute was his 72nd Champions League goal, beating 71 by former Real Madrid and Schalke striker Raul.



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero celebrates after scoring the match-winning goal against Bayern Munich on Tuesday at Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England. The Argentine striker scored twice in stoppage time to complete a hat trick, saving Man City's prospects of making the last 16 in the Champions League. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a roundup of the rest of Tuesday's action around Europe. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

Red Sox load up as Sandoval, Ramirez join Ortiz



Newly acquired infielder Hanley Ramirez, right, and Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington at Fenway Park Tuesday in Boston. STEPHAN SAVOIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez spent the last two seasons as NL West rivals. Now they're teammates in Boston, the result of a \$183 million spending spree the Red Sox are hoping will lift them out of the AL East cellar.

"It's exciting for me to be with Hanley and David Ortiz," Sandoval said Tuesday at Fenway Park after finishing up a five-year, \$95 million contract that adds him to a lineup he called "The Three Amigos."

About five hours later, the Red Sox completed their day-night news conference doubleheader by announcing

Ramirez's four-year deal, which is worth \$88 million. A former Red Sox prospect, Ramirez was traded to the Marlins nine Thanksgivings ago in a deal that brought Mike Lowell and Josh Beckett to Boston.

"Why not go back where you belong?" Ramirez said. "It worked out for the both of us: You guys won a couple of world championships. I haven't won any, but that's what I'm here for."

Sandoval helped the Giants win three titles, earning the World Series MVP in 2012 and the nickname "Kung Fu Panda" that helped cement him as a

fan favourite. He thanked the Giants for bringing him up as a big leaguer and Giants' fans for their support.

"I want a new challenge. I need a new challenge," he said at his afternoon news conference. "I know that I had a great career in San Francisco. But I'm going to have a new one here."

Sandoval helps fill a hole in the Red Sox lineup for a third baseman and a left-handed bat. Ramirez, who played shortstop and a little third base with the Marlins and Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to move to left field.

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Twitter faux pas

Boston Red Sox fans are crying foul over an innocuous tweet that the team acknowledges was ill-timed and later deleted.

The Red Sox tweeted: "So how was everyone's Monday?"

The tweet went out a minute after a Missouri prosecutor announced a grand jury decided not to indict a white Ferguson police officer in the death of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old.

NFL

Bills finally home

It's back to normal for the vagabond Buffalo Bills—finally.

The more than six feet of snow from the severe snowstorm that paralyzed the Buffalo region last week has mostly melted away. So has the Bills two-game skid, following a 38-3 rout of the New York Jets in a "home" game at Detroit on Monday.

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Corruption scandal

FIFA's rep will take 'years to rebuild,' admits Valcke

FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke acknowledged Tuesday that it will take "years to rebuild our reputation" following the World Cup bidding corruption investigation.

But Valcke insisted that Sony and Emirates airline are not ending their FIFA

sponsorships to protest against allegations of bribery and favour-seeking that have engulfed world football in the four years since Russia was awarded the 2018 World Cup and Qatar was voted the 2022 hosts.

Emirates has already announced it is not renewing its sponsorship and Valcke said he "would be surprised" if Sony extended its deal, which expires at the end of this year.

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After Sandoval left

Lester in talks with Giants: Source

The Giants are turning their attention to Jon Lester following Pablo Sandoval's departure.

The free agent pitcher has plans to meet with the World Series champions next week, a source said Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity without authorization to disclose it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jon Lester pitching for the A's. DILIP VISHWANATH/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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2015 Hyundai Genesis

- **Type.** Four-door, AWD luxury sedan
- **Engines.** 3.8-litre V6 (311 hp), 5.0-litre V8 (420)
- **Transmission.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Price.** \$44,995 base, \$54,995 as tested

Market position

The original Genesis sedan, introduced in 2008, was Hyundai's first foray into the luxury segment. It's a premium car that is less expensive than its comparably sized and equipped rivals. Along with big brother Equus, Genesis is a showcase for Hyundai's technological capabilities.

Points

- Debuts Hyundai's new AWD system, which is standard on all models.
- Greater focus on handling prowess, with a suspension tuned by Lotus engineers.
- First vehicle styled in the next stage of Hyundai's Fluidic Sculpture design.
- Advanced lane-keeping technology makes Genesis almost a self-driving car on the highway.



The rear seat underscores the fact Genesis is bigger than its rivals.

Safety features

Nine airbags, adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go capabilities, autonomous emergency braking, blind-spot detection with rear-traffic alert, lane-departure warning, lane-changing assist, C02 sensor control system, AWD active cornering control can apply brakes to the inside rear wheel, for better handling.

Luxury without the price



PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ

Review. Hyundai's second-generation Genesis now handles better and looks even better inside and out

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This second-generation Hyundai Genesis is not a revelation. It is a competent and attractive luxury sedan, but we are not surprised.

Hyundai is nothing if not persistent. It has a long and successful track record of striding into new territories, making each successive model better than the last, and repeating that exercise at a brisk pace. Nothing makes you better than practice.

The first Genesis, which debuted in 2008, was a solid crack at the luxury market. But there was room for improvement, particularly with the ride and handling.

Hyundai called in the engineering troops from Lotus to sort out the dynamics, and it really paid off. Some rivals, such as the Cadillac CTS and the Audi A6, are certainly sportier, but this Genesis is one sweet ride, with an enviable blend of comfort and swerve-ability.

The handling is helped by an all-new, sophisticated AWD system, which moves torque around to exploit the already progressive characteristics of the rear-wheel-drive platform. (Steering feel, however, is a little numb.)

The V6 and V8 engine options are carried over from the first Genesis, as is the eight-speed automatic transmission, which shifts beautifully.

Although a torque-heavy 5.0-litre V8 is available, our tester had the base 311-hp 3.8-litre V6, which pretty much overpowers any of the other base engines in this class, many of which have settled on 2.0-L turbos for their entry-level models.



The inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

Styling is subjective, but to these eyes, the exterior look is another area where Genesis excels. The new model is the first application of a new design theme Hyundai is calling Fluidic Sculpture 2.0, offering an intriguing blend of aggression and elegance.

Inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

At first, the new driver interface with a big touch screen filled me with dread.

I'm not a fan of adjusting everything on a touch screen, but Hyundai has included just enough additional controls for the most-used stuff — radio, navigation, HVAC, etc. — to reduce my stress level.

The rear seating area is commodious, and underscores the fact that Genesis is bigger than most of its rivals.

As with any luxury car today, Genesis boasts a long list of comfort, convenience and

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safety features. Highlights include a 12-way driver's seat, lane-keeping assist, rear-door window blinds, an available 9.2-inch display with a 64-GB memory drive, an available 900-watt stereo with 17 speakers and Logic 7 surround sound, and the industry's first C02-sensing control system, which can introduce fresh air into the cabin when C02 levels reach a certain threshold.

In fact, the only checklist boxes Genesis doesn't tick are "luxury brand cache" and "luxury brand dealership experience."

If you can live without those, you'll save a lot of money by choosing Genesis as your next luxury ride.

5 DRIVE

There's a lot more than gas in that pump

Driving Force. All oil companies add a secretive blend of stabilizers, detergents and friction modifiers

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When you fill your tank with gasoline, what are you getting, exactly? It's refined petroleum, of course, but there are also several additives and detergents in the mix.

"Gasoline is made up of molecules, and when you refine it, you take the different streams (of refined fuel) and blend them," says Michael Howe, senior fuel scientist for Shell Global Solutions. "It has to meet a specification set by American Standard Testing and Materials, so when you buy something, you know what you're getting."

Additives primarily stabilize the gasoline, Howe says, so its components don't react with one another and



Gasoline contains several additives and detergents to improve performance and protect your engine. CONTRIBUTED

form deposits or gums that can possibly foul the engine. Other additives can include friction modifiers, which make it easier for the pistons to slide in their cylinders.

Additive blends also include detergents, which are similar to soap. When en-

gines burn gasoline vapour, it creates carbon, which sticks to the valves. Known as engine gunk, these deposits can reduce the engine's efficiency if they build up too much.

"The detergents are like a soap molecule, with a long tail and a small, reactive,

polar head," Howe says. "The long tail keeps it soluble, but when it comes across the deposits, the polar head gets stuck on the deposit and the interaction pulls off chunks of it. Then they're carried into the combustion chamber where they're burned.

"This continues until the deposits are gone off the valve. It's essentially doing the same thing as soap when it interacts with greasy soil, but it's not water-soluble, it's gasoline-soluble."

As the name implies, additives are put into the gasoline, blended together into what's called an additive package. After the fuel is refined, the refinery pumps it into a pipeline, where it goes to a distribution centre and is stored in tanks. When it's time to deliver it to gas stations, the fuel is pumped out of the tank and into a truck, and, at this point, the additive package is added to the fuel.

Although all companies use additives, the components in each package are proprietary, and their ingredients are a closely guarded secret.

"Refining fuel is a standard, specific action, but it's never exactly the same," Howe says. "You have to put in additives to correct it, or keep instabilities from happening."

Fast facts

- Gasoline contains octane, which controls how easily it will combust, but it isn't an additive. Instead, the level of octane is set during the refining process.
- Diesel fuel also contains additives. Sometimes diesel is also dyed red, indicating that it's for farm machinery, and that its price doesn't include road taxes. However, it's illegal to use dyed diesel in regular vehicles, and the colour lets authorities know if it's being used improperly.
- Since additives do vary, try another brand of gasoline if you're not seeing the engine performance or mileage you think you should be getting.

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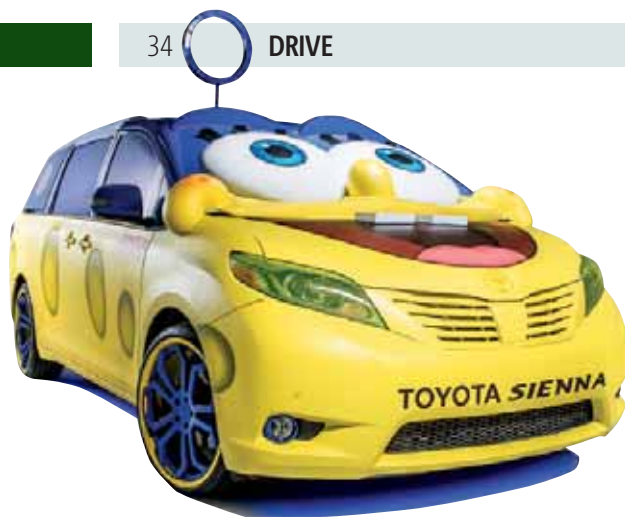
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Custom Toyota van features a toothy grin and a bubble-blowing roof. AFP

L.A. auto show. SpongeBob SquarePants inspires custom Toyota Sienna minivan

Car designers draw their inspiration from many places — nature, sci-fi novels, the works of Picasso or Matisse. Or, in the case of the concept car gracing the L.A. auto show, a Nickelodeon cartoon character.

SpongeBob SquarePants is one of the world's truly global cultural icons, and Toyota has done its best to bring the char-

acter to life in vehicular form.

The windshield of the customized Sienna minivan is adorned with SpongeBob's eyes and his buck-toothed grin. The roof features his Superhero Incredibubble mask and even blows real bubbles.

Inside, the car has a blue, wood-grain dashboard and a ship's wheel instead of a steer-

ing wheel. Each of the seats references one of SpongeBob's friends, and the floor mats have a sand-coloured and textured finish.

Following the auto show, the one-of-a-kind van will head off on a promotional tour to publicize the next SpongeBob SquarePants film, due out in February. AFP



The BMW i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km. But what makes it stand out are its handling and performance. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

L.A. auto show. Drives like a BMW, runs on electricity

BMW's first-ever plug-in electric vehicle was named Green Car of the Year during a ceremony at L.A. auto show.

The i3 was the only electric car among the five finalists in contention for the award, which recognizes environmental leadership in the automotive field and is presented each year by Green Car Journal.

The other finalists were the Chevrolet Impala Bi-Fuel, the Audi A3 TDI, the Honda Fit and the Volkswagen Golf.

The i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km. But what makes the car stand

out against other plug-in electric vehicles are its handling and performance characteristics.

It can hit 100 km/h in 7.2 seconds and, thanks to a very low centre of gravity, offers the same driving dynamics as BMW's gas-powered cars.

However, what tipped the scales in BMW's favour for the award was its zero emissions and the high percentage of sustainably produced materials used in the car's construction.

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At the opening of its Mercedes-Benz Product Engineering Center in Beijing, China, the luxury automaker unveiled a concept car powered not just by hydrogen, but by its own paint. The Vision G-Code SUV (named with the Chinese market in mind) sports "multi-voltaic" paint that harvests solar and wind energy. Mercedes said the paint acts like a giant solar cell "with excellent efficiency," and can be charged electrostatically by the relative wind caused by driving, or by the natural wind when the vehicle is stationary. The G-Code also features "power on the move" suspension, which recovers energy from the motion of the suspension to generate electricity.

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One of the most exciting claims about the Mercedes G-Code is that its paint collects power from both the sun and the wind. How much power? Good question. But the concept SUV also runs on hydrogen.

Seaweed biofuel saves farms for food

Seaweed — kelp, in particular — shows promising signs of becoming a biofuel feedstock, thanks to a newly designed hydrothermal process that greatly increases the amount of bio-oil that can be extracted from it. As a fuel source that doesn't take up farmland or use water that would otherwise be used to grow crops, kelp also grows extremely quickly. Researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology said their variation on a process known as hydrothermal liquefaction — rapidly heating a slurry of kelp and water, then holding it briefly at a high temperature (585 Celsius) — results in 79 per cent of the biomass being converted to bio-oil. Previous efforts resulted in just a 19 per cent conversion rate.



Shift points

- After saying it would not replace its compact Ranger pickup, Ford appears to be having a change of heart. Marketing manager Dave Scott told USA Today the company is "seriously considering" an entry-level compact.
- U.S. researchers have designed a lithium-sulphur battery with four times the longevity of typical sulphur batteries. That's significant because they already hold four times the energy per mass of lithium-ions.
- A U.S. radio report says sales of hybrids, plug-ins and electric vehicles are down in that country by about 5 per cent this year, while trucks and SUVs have seen 17- and 20-per-cent increases.



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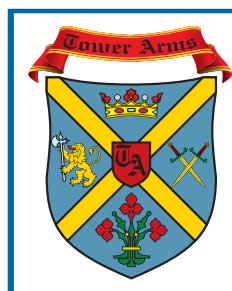
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may feel out of step with others today but sometimes you just have to do your own thing, in your own way, at your own speed. Maybe it's everyone else who is out of step.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you get criticized today — and with Saturn strong in your opposite sign that is almost guaranteed — don't react as if the world is coming to an end.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

What you visualize over the next 24 hours is what you will be able to do in weeks to come, so don't dismiss genuine insights as fantasy.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You need to find a solution to either a money matter or a relationship issue. The way out of your predicament is obvious really but it will also be costly. Act and pay now or pay an even larger penalty later.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Remember today that a loved one does not mean the negative things they have been saying. Like you they are under pressure that inevitably affects the way they speak and act.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's Mercury-Saturn link is a reminder that life is meant to be fun — and a warning that if you do too much you will pay for it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A dream you've had for years is about to become a reality. It may not come about in the way you expected. Recognize how fortunate you are and make the most of the opportunity.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You've made sacrifices in recent weeks and today's Mercury-Saturn union in your sign indicates there is something else you must do before you can move onto new pastures.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Try not to say anything too hurtful today or it may take weeks or even months to win back a loved one's trust.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The more passionately someone tries to convince you of their honesty the more likely it is they want something. Keep your money in your pocket.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You have an important message to get across and if the only way to make yourself heard is to shout then do it. You have been quiet long enough.

♓ Pisces

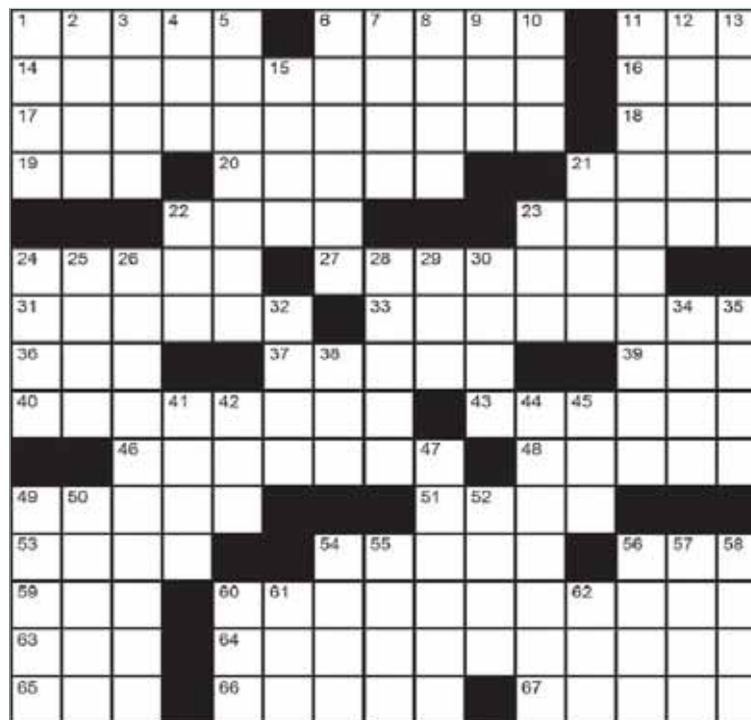
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be convinced that you are in the right about something but do not push your case too hard over the next 24 hours. If others can't see the truth then they are the ones most likely to suffer for it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Pari ___ (Impartially)
6. Shakespeare: Julius Caesar conspirator
11. Humanities degs.
14. Submarine exit: 2 wds.
16. Away
17. 1965 James Bond movie for #60-Across
18. Gun gr.
19. Academic year div.
20. "Take ___ for free." - The Band, "The Weight"
21. Split
22. Word's history [abbr.]
23. Bottomless pit
24. Stray calf [var. sp.]
27. Winter cap's one-of-two
31. "Help Me, ___" by The Beach Boys
33. Educated/versed in books
36. Suffer
37. ___ with nature
39. 'The Finals' gr.
40. 1970s musical for Canadian actor Victor Garber
43. Big name in movies
46. Decrease/slump
48. Negative/Positive
49. Ms. Deschanel of "Bones"
51. Bygone Ford cars
53. Typeface
54. Laissez-___
56. Soup sort
59. Lighthouse sur-rounder



60. Canadian actress, b.1927 - d.2007, who played the character at #11-Down in several 007 movies: 2 wds.
63. Anger
64. Some store staff: 2 wds.
65. 'Ballad' suffix
66. Canadian racecar

- driver Paul
67. Sammy of baseball, and surname-sakes

Down

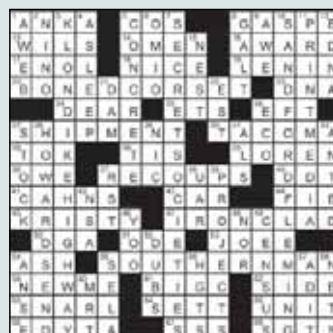
1. Domesticated pals
2. Tennis legend Arthur
3. Soap ___ (Bathroom cleanser's target)

4. ___ Diego
5. Made current
6. 1950s car trimming
7. Rhyming scheme
8. Dutch city
9. Old Rome's 250
10. Calder Cup org.
11. As per #60-Across... M's secretary, Miss ___
12. Visions of light

13. "The North" Canadian band
15. Moray-like
21. Up-the-slopes ride
22. "Ich bin ___ Berliner." - JFK
23. Wholly
24. Burden
25. Toledo's locale
26. 1964 James Bond movie for #60-Across

28. "He's mad that trusts in the tameness of ___" - Fool, in Shakespeare's King Lear
29. Kevin's "Foot-loose" (1984) role
30. Bolted
32. Biblical son
34. Have ___ in one's bonnet
35. Calendar parts
38. Jeff Lynne's gr.
41. ___ and vinegar chips
42. 2-___ tissue
44. Back pages of books
45. "Help!"
47. Not solid, as construction
49. ___ Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
50. Actress Demi
52. Pitfall
54. Chick-___ (American restaurant chain)
55. "Gimme ___..." (Wait)
56. Liveliness
57. "___ the Elephant" (Canadian cartoon series)
58. Beers
60. Grocery-shopper's li'l paper
61. Dinghy director
62. Romance

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